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## **REMARKS**

Claims 12-22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-11 have been canceled. Claims 12-22 have been added to claim the subject matter of claims 1-11 in conformance with domestic practice. Support for new claims 12-22 is found in canceled claims 1-11 and in the specification (English translation) at, for example, pages 12-14. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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